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SUBJECT: ASEAN ZONE OF PEACE FREEDOM AND NEUTRALITY

REF: (A) JAKARTA 12337, (B) MANILA 14562

1. DURING CALL ON AMBASSADOR SOEMARJO, HEAD OF FOREIGN MINISTER'S PRIVATE OFFICE, I ASKED REGARDING CURRENT ASEAN THINKING ON ZONE OF PEACE AND UN.

2. SOEMARJO SAID THAT ASEAN PARTNERS HAD STILL NOT DECIDED WHETHER AND HOW TO RAISE ASEAN ZONE OF PEACE CONCEPT IN UNGA. IT WAS ALMOST CERTAIN THAT MALIK AND PROBABLY OTHERS WOULD REFER TO CONCEPT IN THEIR GENERAL ASSEMBLY SPEECHES.

3. QUESTION REMAINED WHETHER PROPOSAL SHOULD BE PUT FORWARD AT ALL AND IF SO, WHETHER A SEPARATE ITEM OR ATTACHED TO
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RESOLUTION ON INDIAN OCEAN.

4. SOEMARJO SAID ASEAN COUNTRIES GENERALLY WOULD BE CAUTIOUS IN APPROACHING PROBLEM MALAYSIA WAS STILL SMARTING FROM SETBACK AT COLOMBO AND DID NOT WISH TO REPEAT EXPERIENCE.

5. SOEMARJO ASKED FOR U.S. ASSESSMENT OF LAOTIAN MOTIVES IN OPPOSING ZONE OF PEACE CONCEPT. I SAID WE GENERALLY ASSUMED IT REPRESENTED SOVIET AND HANOI VIEWS OPPOSING ANY CONCEPT OF THIS KIND WHICH DID NOT ORIGINATE ON COMMUNIST SIDE. SOEMARJO SAID THIS WAS ALSO INDONESIA'S ASSESSMENT. GOI FEELD THAT HANOI AND LAOS, HAVING WON MILITARY VICTORY, FEEL THAT THEY SHOULD DETERMINE FUTURE ORGANIZATION OF SOUTHEAST ASIA AND ARE UNWILLING TO ACCEPT INITIATIVES FOR NON-COMMUNIST COUNTRIES. THIS LEAVES ASEAN COUNTRIES WITH DILEMMA OF HOW TO DEAL WITH INTRANSIGENCE WHILE STILL PRESERVING INTEGRITY OF THEIR ASSOCIATION.

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